

DRAFT MINUTES

JOINT MEETING of the STATE REVIEW BOARD and HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

December 18, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

Virginia Historical Society, Halsey Lecture Hall, 428 North Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23221

State Review Board Members Present

Elizabeth Moore, Chair
Lauranett Lee, Vice-Chair
Madison Spencer
Jim Wootton

Historic Resources Board Members Present

Tad Thompson, Chair
Patrick Butler, Vice-Chair
Brian Broadus
Carter Hudgins (represented SRB as well)
Ora McCoy
Helen Murphy

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Kathleen Kilpatrick, Director
Catherine Slusser, Deputy Director
Ann Andrus
Francine Archer
Bob Carter
David Edwards
Joanie Evans
Randy Jones
Kristen Kirchen

Julie Langan
Calder Loth
Jean McRae
Mike Pulice
Pam Schenian
Susan Smead
Kelly Spradley-Kurowski
Elizabeth Tune
Marc Wagner
Joanna Wilson

Historic Resources Board (HRB)

Chair Thompson called the Historic Resources Board meeting to order shortly after 10 am and welcomed everyone in attendance. He explained the role of the board and asked each member to introduce themselves. With a motion from Dr. Butler and a second from Ms. McCoy, the September and November 2008 meeting minutes were approved, and by unanimous vote the 2009 Board meeting dates were accepted as March 19, June 18, and September and December 17. There was no old or new business.

State Review Board (SRB)

Chair Moore called the State Review Board meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. She read the role of the board, explaining the process of designation, and asked the other members to introduce themselves. The minutes from the September 2008 meeting were approved with a motion from Mr. Wootton and a second from Dr. Lee, and by unanimous vote the 2009 Board meeting dates were accepted as March 19, June 18, and September and December 17. There was no old or new business.

Director's Report (DHR)

Director Kilpatrick welcomed everyone in attendance. She mentioned the "Secretary of the Interior Historic Preservation Award" given to Calder Loth, DHR Senior Architectural Historian, and the various new responsibilities at DHR of Jean McRae. Kilpatrick brought the Boards up to date on the General Assembly, budget, and federal issues. She mentioned various pending projects and partnerships with the department. Director Kilpatrick noted Virginia's lead again in historic district listings and the continued use of tax credits for historic rehabilitation. Finally, she mentioned some upcoming events dates, then highlighted items on the day's agenda.

Chair Thompson thanked Director Kilpatrick and DHR for all their work during the year and gave a special thank you to Calder Loth for his many years of service to Virginia and DHR. The Boards then considered the following Register Nominations.

Ms. Kirchen and Mr. Loth presented the following nominations for the Capital Region:

1. Baker-Strickler House, Louisa County, Gordonsville Quad, #054-5034
2. Druin-Horner House, Henrico County, Bon Air Quad, #043-0302
3. Oakhurst-Gildersleeve Neighborhood Historic District, Charlottesville City, Charlottesville West Quad, #104-5092
4. South Boston Historic District, Nomination Update and Boundary Increase, Halifax County, South Boston Quad, #130-0006

5. South Chappell Street Car Barn, Petersburg City, Petersburg Quad, #123-5421
6. Town of Halifax Court House Historic District, Halifax County, Halifax Quad, #230-5001
7. Bogota, Rockingham County, Grottoes Quad, #082-0029

Comments made:

Mr. Johnson, attorney for an adjacent owner, mentioned his client's concern that an "easement" on the Baker-Strickler House would require public access across an existing access easement on his adjacent property. Chair Thompson and Ms. Kirchen clarified that public access is not part of the register program and no state easement is under consideration noting that there is apparent confusion with a county parcel survey. Chair Thompson and Ms. Murphy thanked the Lipfords for their restoration and registering of the Druin-Horner House. With a motion from Ms. Murphy and a second from Dr. Hudgins, the HRB voted to list the seven nominations into the VLR, and, with a motion from Dr. Lee and a second from Mr. Spencer, the SRB approved all seven Capital Region nominations.

Mr. Edwards presented the following nominations for the Northern Region:

8. Arlington Ridge Park, Arlington County, Washington West Quad, #000-9707-0001, 0002
10. Hoffman Round Barn, Madison County, Rochelle Quad, #056-5034
11. Hopefield, Fauquier County, Warrenton Quad, #030-0085
12. Robert E. Lee High School, Staunton City, Staunton Quad, #132-0037
13. Mount Hebron Cemetery and Gatehouse, Winchester City, Winchester Quad, #138-0044
14. Round Hill Historic District, Loudoun County, Round Hill Quad, #291-0010

Comments made:

Mr. Stein and Mr. DePue spoke on behalf of the Radnor/Fort Myer Heights Civic Association and the Friends of Iwo Jima regarding the importance the Arlington Ridge Park and its nomination. Mr. Dougherty thanked the Boards for their consideration of the Lee High School and explained plans for its rehabilitation and future use. Chair Moore commented on what a great reference of information the Arlington Ridge Park Nomination was and how much she enjoyed reading it. With a motion from Ms. McCoy and a second from Dr. Butler, the HRB voted to list the six Northern Region nominations into the VLR, and, with a motion from Dr. Lee and a second from Mr. Wootton, the SRB voted to approve the six nominations.

Mr. Pulice presented the following nominations for the Roanoke Region:

15. Dry Bridge School, City of Martinsville, Martinsville East Quad, #120-5034
16. Flat Gap High School, Wise County, Flat Gap Quad, #097-0395
17. Marion Historic District, Boundary Increase, Smyth County, Marion Quad, #119-0012
18. Piedmont Mill Historic District, Franklin County, Redwood Quad, #033-5224
19. Q. M. Pyne Store, Giles County, Eggleston Quad, #035-5049
20. John and Nancy Yeatts House, Pittsylvania County, Pittsview Quad, #071-5250

With a motion from Dr. Hudgins and a second from Ms. Murphy, the HRB voted to list the six Roanoke Region nominations into the VLR, and, with a motion from Mr. Wootton and a second from Dr. Lee, the SRB voted to approve all six nominations.

Director Kilpatrick reminded the Board members to file their Conflict of Interest material, and the Joint Session was adjourned as the Boards broke for lunch.

HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

Chair Thompson brought the HRB back to order shortly after 1:00 p.m. and Ms. Archer presented the following new and replacement Highway Markers for approval.

New

The Battle of Craney Island – Portsmouth City
Parker-Gray High School - Alexandria City
Mr. Peanut—World Icon - Suffolk City
Early Quakers in Richmond - Richmond City
Roads West – Pulaski County

Diversity (TEA-21)

Oliver White Hill Sr. - Richmond City
Oliver White Hill, Sr. - Roanoke City
Oliver White Hill Sr. – Prince Edward County
Oliver White Hill Sr. - Norfolk City
Grace Evelyn Arents – Henrico County
The 1939 Alexandria Library Sit-In – Alexandria City

Replacement (TEA-21)

Mecklenburg County/Brunswick County Z-38 – Richmond City
Stanardsville Engagement – Greene County
Princess Anne County Training School/Union Kempsville High School – Virginia Beach City
Number 18 School – Fauquier County

Dr. Butler questioned the note about Custer in the Stanardsville marker text and Ms. Archer explained this was a replacement marker with most of the original material intact and only a few changes made. Then with a motion from Dr. Hudgins and a second from Ms. McCoy, the HRB voted to approve all 15 highway markers. Ms. Tune presented the easement policies for final approval. Chair Thompson and Dr. Butler asked Ms. Tune to clarify the public access policy, and Dr. Hudgins verified that the Virginia Code did not provide for violations of easements. With a motion from Dr. Butler and a second from Ms. Murphy, all policies were accepted. Ms. Tune then presented the following easement donations for consideration.

Easement Donations to Consider

- 1). **Red Hill, Charlotte County**
- 2). **Yarmouth House, West Freemason Area H.D., City of Norfolk**
- 3). **Race Mills, Opequon H.D., Frederick County**
- 4). **Franklin and Armfield Office, City of Alexandria**
- 5). **Mason-Dorton School, Russell County**
- 6). **Woodlawn Friends Meeting House, Fairfax County**
- 7). **Atkins Tract, Battle of Glendale, Henrico County**
- 8). **Bacon's Castle, Surry County**
- 9). **Mountain Grove, Albemarle County**
- 10). **Huntsberry Tract, Third Winchester Battlefield, Frederick County**
- 11). **Brandyrock Farm, Brandy Station Battlefield, Culpeper County**
- 12). **Windsor Castle, Isle of Wight County**
- 13). **Pamplin Pipe Factory, Appomattox County**
- 14). **Gaines Mill Archaeological Site, Hanover County**
- 15). **Criss Cross, New Kent County**
- 16). **Stephenson's Depot Property, Frederick County**

Ms. Tune noted that DHR staff recommended the Board not accept the easement offer of the Gaines Mill Archaeological Site or the Criss Cross property, the latter due to the offer of only one acre at this time. Discussion between Ms. Tune, Ms. Murphy, and Mr. Loth pertained to what would be a reasonable acreage for the Criss Cross property, and Director Kilpatrick verified that appropriate acreage was a case by case consideration depending on what the resource's original setting had been. Mr. Hutchinson was in attendance to provide some background on the Stephenson's Depot easement, and Director Kilpatrick asked the Board to consider this easement with the understanding that DHR staff would continue to work with the owners with regards to the policies of DHR and the other foundations involved.

Then with a motion from Dr. Hudgins and a second from Dr. Butler, the first 13 easement donations were approved, and with a motion from Mr. Broadus and a second from Dr. Hudgins the easement donation for the Gaines Mill property was not approved. With a motion from Dr. Hudgins and a second from Ms. McCoy the easement donation for Criss Cross was accepted provided Director Kilpatrick and the staff of DHR agreed with the owners on an appropriate acreage to protect the property in its original setting. Finally, with a motion from Dr. Butler and a second from Ms. Murphy, the HRB voted to approve the easement donation of Stephenson's Depot with the provision that Director Kilpatrick and the DHR staff continue to work with the owners regarding easement donation policies for each co-holder involved.

Ms. Tune then presented the following easements recorded since the September 2008 meeting.

1. **Camden Farm, Caroline County**

2. **Menokin, Richmond County**
3. **Dr. Tucker House, Buckingham Courthouse H.D., Buckingham County**
4. **Currier Farm, Rappahannock Station Battlefield, Culpeper County**
5. **Springdale, Goochland County**
6. **Brill Property, Fisher's Hill Battlefield, Shenandoah County**
7. **Glass Mill, Opequon Historic District, Frederick County**

Director Kilpatrick updated the Board with recent news from the Governor that starting State Fiscal Year 2010 there would be no more Board per diem available, then the HRB adjourned with a motion from Dr. Butler and a second from Ms. McCoy.

STATE REVIEW BOARD

Chair Moore brought the SRB to order around 1.00 p.m. in the Study Collections Room of the Department of Historic Resources for discussion and endorsement of the Preliminary Information Applications (informal guidance session).

Board Members (b) and Staff (s) present: Laurant Lee (b), Elizabeth Moore (b), Madison Spencer (b), Jim Wootton (b), Ann Andrus (s), Karen Brandt (s), David Edwards (s), Joanie Evans (s), Kristin Kirchen (s), Michael Pulice (s), Pam Schenian (s), Kelly Spradley-Kurowski (s), Marc Wagner (s).

Guests (from sign in sheet): Scott Cilley (West Hill); Kim Chen, Michael Collins, Catherine Easterling (Richmond Henrico Car barn); Mary Feagans (Bishop Early House); Lori and Andy Dixon (Riverbank); Jennifer Logan (Afton); Debra McClane (Woodside); Wilbert Dean (Buckingham Training School).

Preliminary Information Applications

All proposals were endorsed, with the following comments:

1. Afton, Buckingham County, DHR File Number 014-0042

2. Woodside, Fauquier County, DHR File Number 030-0059

Board Comments: Chair Moore asked about the potential for an Agriculture Area of Significance, and staff answered that it did not seem feasible based on current information.

3. Buckingham Training School, Buckingham County, DHR File Number 208-5001

Board Comments: Board members asked about the planned future use of the site, which was explained by Mr. Dean.

4. Riverbank, Rockingham County, DHR File Number 082-0063

5. Bishop John Early House, City of Lynchburg, DHR File Number 118-0005

Board Comments: Board, Staff, and owners discussed the next steps in the process.

6. West Hill, Cumberland County, DHR File Number 024-0021

7. Downtown Hampton Historic District, City of Hampton, DHR File Number 114-5445

Board Comments: Consultants noted that architects had been identified for several buildings since the matter was discussed at e-team, and this information would be included in the nomination.

8. Warden Family Home, City of Chesapeake, DHR File Number 131-0093

9. Richmond & Henrico Railway Car barn, City of Richmond, DHR File Number 127-6270

Board Comments: Kirchen summarized the staff review, and information not seen by e-team but later considered by the City of Richmond's Commission for Architectural Review that led to its opinion that the building be recommended eligible (this information was received by DHR in a letter dated December 16). Consultant Kimberly Chen presented more information regarding the building's significance and history. Chair Moore asked what the staff would need, and Kirchen responded that staff would hope to see a revised nomination containing the new information not seen by e-team. The Board, staff, the consultant, and two representatives from the City discussed the best way to argue for eligibility, including the potential of an MPS for trolley barns, discussion of the associated social and labor history, and discussion of the extant rail beds and other landscape features that could help alleviate integrity concerns. The Board agreed there could be potential for eligibility, but would advise submission of an updated and revised nomination to staff that included some social history and information advised by the City, before submitting it for Board review.

10. Jeffersonton Rural Historic District, Culpeper County, DHR File Number 023-5443

11. Mitchell's Historic District, Culpeper County, DHR File Number 023-5442

12. Mountain Run Historic District, Culpeper County, DHR File Number 023-5441

13. Maple Front Farm, Augusta County, DHR File Number 007-5050

14. Highland Park-Overlee Knolls Historic District, Arlington County, DHR File Number 000-9703

Board Comments: The Board questioned the use of Community Planning as an AOS. Edwards noted that the FHA had been much more involved in this community than in many in Northern Virginia. After extended discussion on why this particular

neighborhood stands out considering Arlington's high volume of FHA neighborhoods, including questions about social history and demographics post the mid-1940s, issues of better integrity, and the use of FHA plans and guidelines alongside the neighborhood's early architectural history, the Board concurred with the staff's recommendation. However, the Board cautioned that a strong argument for why this neighborhood in particular is worthy of designation will have to be developed in the nomination.

15. Rock Hill Farm, Loudoun County, DHR File Number 053-1057
16. American Legion Post #30, City of Radford, DHR File Number 126-5006
17. Rustic Lodge, Botetourt County, DHR File Number 011-0053
18. Schoolfield School Complex, City of Danville, DHR File Number 108-5065-0081
19. Valley Railroad Bridge, City of Salem, DHR File Number 129-5023
20. Waterside, Giles County, DHR File Number 035-5063
21. West Fork Furnace, Floyd County, DHR File Number 031-0084
22. Oakenham, Middlesex County, DHR File Number 059-0023
23. Sherwood, Gloucester County, DHR File Number 036-0127
24. Clifford-New Glasgow Historic District, Amherst County, DHR File Number 005-5042
25. Doyle Greenhouse Range/Schenkel Farm, City of Lynchburg, DHR File Number 118-5294
26. Flat Creek Rural Historic District, Campbell County, DHR File Number 015-5181
27. Patteson-Schutte House, City of Richmond, DHR File Number 127-0333

The State Review Board adjourned.